

Method for extracting nitro cresols from waste water produced in the manufacture of mononitrotoluene and use of said extract

Abstract

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The invention provides a process for removing nitro cresols from wastewater of mononitrotoluene preparation, which comprises acidifying the alkaline wastewater of mononitrotoluene preparation with acids to a pH of at most 3 and treating the nitro cresols with an extractant.

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The invention further provides the preparation of dinitrotoluene by use of the nitro cresol-containing extracts as a feedstock.